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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 581

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*Commending Cheryl Mathis.*

Patron—Alexander

WHEREAS, Cheryl Mathis, a public service ambassador for the Downtown Norfolk Council, was named as the Council's 2010 Employee of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Norfolk Council is a local organization that promotes business, cultural, and residential initiatives in order to make downtown Norfolk a vital urban center; the organization also manages the Downtown Improvement District, a 48-block downtown district; and

WHEREAS, after working in a local school system, Cheryl Mathis came to the Downtown Norfolk Council to play the role of Cool Jack, the Council's snowman mascot who helps make downtown Norfolk the place to be during the winter holiday season; and

WHEREAS, as Cool Jack, Cheryl Mathis attends downtown Norfolk holiday events, such as MacArthur on Ice and the Grand Illumination Parade, where she spreads joy and makes the holidays merry with her effervescent personality; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her Cool Jack responsibilities, Cheryl Mathis also does walking patrols and drives FRED, a free electric courtesy shuttle that takes people around downtown Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, known for her friendly and outgoing personality, Cheryl Mathis brings good cheer to residents and visitors alike as she transports them from location to location; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Mathis serves as an exemplary ambassador for the City of Norfolk, ensuring that all with whom she comes in contact have a positive experience; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly commend Cheryl Mathis for her recognition as the Downtown Norfolk Council 2010 Employee of the Year; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cheryl Mathis as an expression of the General Assembly's congratulations and admiration for her work to make downtown Norfolk a welcoming place to live, work, and visit.

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